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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR ASSISTANCE ON GDR HUMAN
RIGHTS CASE

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL TODAY FROM HEINZ
LANGMANN IN GRAZ, AUSTRIA, CONCERNING WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS
TAPED TELEPHONE APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM KURT BASEMIR
(DETAINED IN GDR) REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
PERMISSION TO LEAVE EAST GERMANY. WE TOOK NOTE OF MESSAGE
AND INDICATED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES ON MATTER.

2. GRAZ NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY THAT OSKAR STROHMEYER,
24-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM GRAZ, HAS BEGUN A HUNGER STRIKE IN
GRAZ CATHEDRAL IN EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT BASEMIR'S
RELEASE AND DEPARTURE FROM THE GDR. STROHMEYER'S
BROTHER-IN-LAW IS LANGMANN (WHO CALLED EMBASSY) WHO WAS ALSO
DESCRIBED AS FRIEND OF BASEMIR. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE
THAT BASEMIR, DESCRIBED AS FINE TOOL MACHINIST FROM
SCHOENEBECK, ELBE, REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM GDR
AUTHORITIES TO LEAVE GDR TO LIVE WITH SISTER IN FRG,
CITING HELSINKI FINAL ACCORD AS BASIS FOR HIS PETITION.

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AFTER REJECTION OF REPEATED REQUESTS, BASEMIR
REPORTEDLY WROTE HIS TWO AUSTRIAN FRIENDS EXPRESSING
FEAR OF ARREST AND ASKING THEIR ASSISTANCE. STROHMEYER
REPORTEDLY HAS SENT LETTERS TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION AND TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY ASKING THEM TO
INTERCEDE IN CASE.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS GOOD PROBABILITY THAT
LANGMANN, IN EFFORT TO KEEP UP MEDIA INTEREST ON
SUBJECT, WILL GO PUBLIC ON HIS REQUEST TO PRESIDENT
CARTER FOR ASSISTANCE IN BASEMIR CASE. BUCHANAN

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